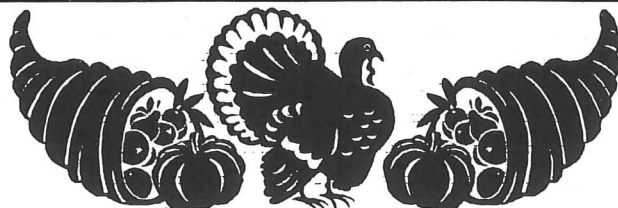


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****PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ****

Promptness Prize----Two Silver Coin Classic Set

Grand Prize--1984 Twenty Balboa Panama Gold Coin (\$80.00 value--357 minted)

1889 Morgan Silver Dollar

Big George Pool Hall---G/F 5 cents-----Ogden, Ut-----LR 1--\$7-18
 Magna Lunch Room---G/F 5 cents-----Magna, Ut-----LR 4--\$10-15
 Kenilworth Merc Co--- G/F 5 cents-----Kenilworth, Ut---- LR 3--\$12-24
 John Butler----- G/F 5 cents-----Willard, Ut-----HR 5--\$12-22
 M & M----- G/F 10 cents-----Huntington, Ut-----Unlisted
 Tooele Merc Co-----G/F 5 cents-----Tooele, Ut----- HR 7--\$28-45
 Saltair Bar-----G/F 25 cents----- Saltair, Ut----- LR 7--\$28-48
 A.R. Larson-----G/F 5 cents-----Pleasant Green, Ut--HR 1- \$8-16
 Central Drug Co----- G/F 5 cents-----Park City, Ut----- HR 6- \$15-25
 Harrop & Aadneson--- G/F 5 cents-----Ogden, Ut----- LR 3--\$10-18
 ZCMI-----G/F 5 cents----- SLC, Ut----- HR 3- \$8-16
 Waldorf-----G/F 5 cents----- Boise, Idaho-----



WAGON MASTERS REPORT

By Bruce Dugger

49 Items were entered in the F.O.M. and now it's down to the last month for this year's F.O.M. We have had some real nice finds to look at and vote for. I'm sure the next year will produce some more nice and exciting finds. Myself I'm about ready for a rest---All I've got to do is finish screening this dump I've been in for the last several weeks. I haven't had time to use my detector but three time's since I've been working this dump. I'm afraid I'll be spending most of the approaching winter in this dump (gosh darn). I'm sorry I could not make the last club dig to guide members around to the dumps and other town site's. At least a few thing's were found and it sounded like the camping out was fun (as usual). I hope all you NUTS member's have a very pleasant Turkey Day. Well here are the 1st Place Winner's for the F.O.M.;

U.S. Coin-----Chris Benson--1899-0 Morgan Silver Dollar
 Foreign Coin----- Jeral Smith--1876 half penny Great Britain
 Token----- Jeral Smith--Richelieu Bar G/F 12 1/2 cents--SLC
 Jewelry-----Bruce Dugger--Caterpillar Watch Fob
 Artifact-----Tim Zuver--1899 Military Badge
 Button-----Leonardo Vera--1800's Senior Chief Navy Officer
 Non-Metal-----Bruce Dugger--Glass Fire Engine (for candy)
 Peoples Choice Bottle-----Jolene Henderson--Black Glazed Stoneware Bottle
 Most Valuable Bottle----- Jolene Henderson--Big Chief Coke (Rock Spings Wyo) (\$10)
 Oldest U.S. Coin-----Jeral Smith--1899 Barber Dime
 Oldest U.S. Cent-----Bruce Dugger--1859 Indian Head



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ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Turpela

There is a lot going on at this month's meeting. Norm Johnson will show us his extensive token collection (he got his best ones from me) and his collection of mining letterhead.

We will be electing new officers, so it is important that all members attend to vote for and support their choice for Club officers.

We will also be voting on the Club medal design for 1997. If any of you have artistic ability, take a shot at designing our medal.



This is also the last Club meeting of the year for Find-Of-The-Month, so bring your best finds and let's try to knock Duggar out of the first place as treasure hunter of the year.

Finally, next month's meeting is the Club's Christmas party with all-you-can-eat food and lots of prizes and awards. Like last year, the party will be held at Chuck-A-Rama at 2960 So. Highland Dr. I think the date is December 26, 1996, at 7:00 p.m.

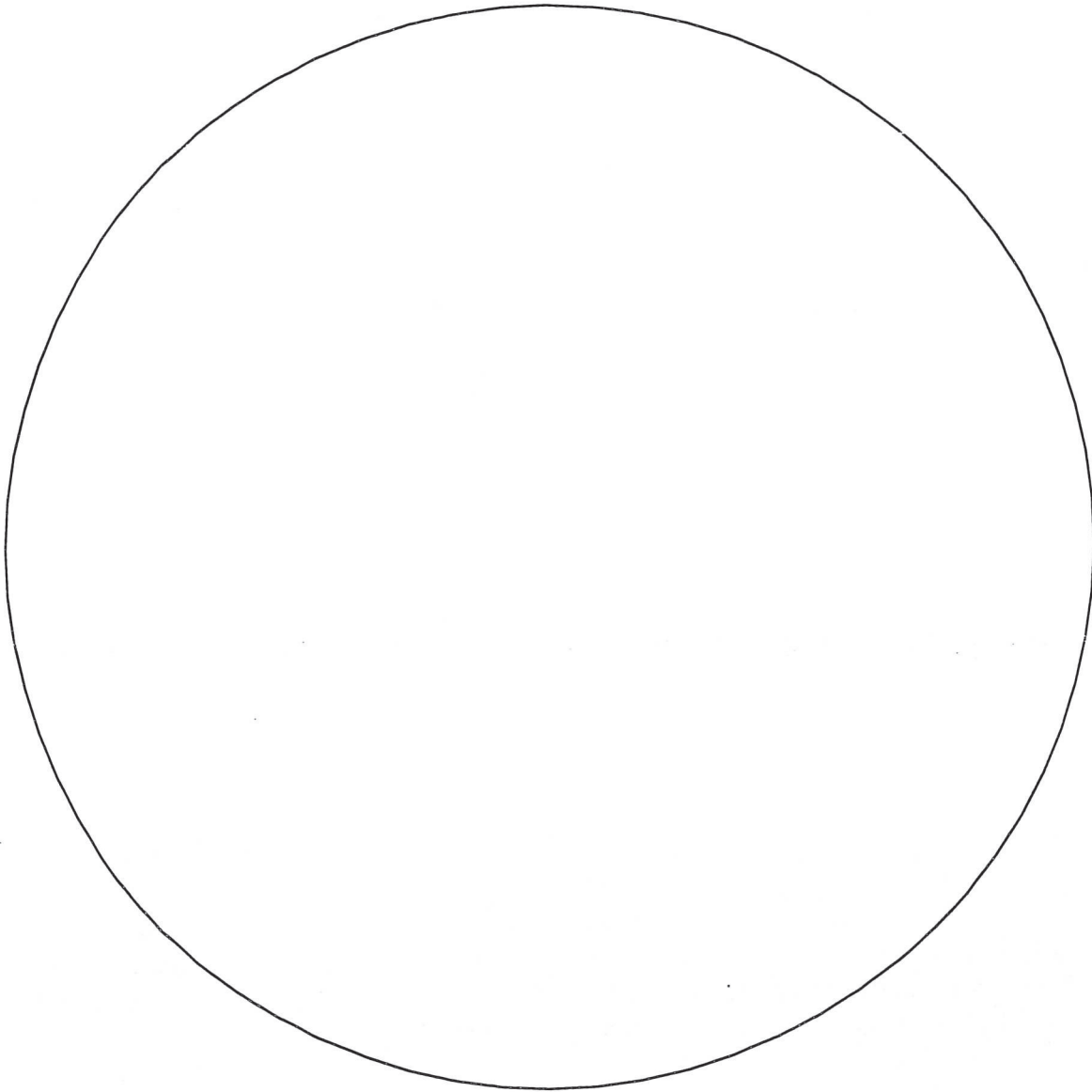
See you at the meeting!

MYSTERY PHOTO

What was the name and location of this long lost resort frequented by Salt Lake City residents? Unfortunately, this is now Forest Service Land meaning the legality of searching this area is unclear. If someone managed to get permission, I bet it would be a bonanza of old coins and tokens.



NUTS MEDAL DESIGN 1997



NUTS members it is time to submit your designs for the 1997 club medal. There is no specific theme required for the medal. Photographs may be used for a design as well as artwork. If a photo is used it needs to be sharp and clear with distinct lines. For example pictures of buildings work well. Remember permission must be obtained to use copy written material.

The dead line for entries is the November club meeting. We will vote on the design that night.

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Another slow month for me (meaning I was too busy with everything else to metal detect). I did get permission to search an old downtown church that was demolishing an old assembly hall. A small court yard was hidden between the church and the hall. Once the building had been demolished, the contractor had no problem with me searching the area (after all, how much damage could I do compared to a bulldozer?)

Unfortunately, the ground was covered with hundreds of what appeared to be very old roofing nails that made detecting nearly impossible. Even moving to a 5.3 inch coil didn't help much because there was a carpet of rusted iron about four inches down (the XLT SpectraGraph shows iron even in discrimination mode). I did find a few pennies from the 1950's and a few dimes from the 1960's (no silver); but anything deeper than a few inches eluded me. Furthermore, the continual chatter from my detector (even in silent search mode) started to drive me crazy.

When the contractor checked on my progress, I told them about the nails. He thought the grass had been put in during the early 1960's but he didn't know what had been there before then. He thought there might have been some old buildings next door that were torn down to put in a new office building. Sometimes you can't win for losing. I get permission to search a

prime spot, and it turns out to be polluted with nails!

From the rumor department, I heard from a reliable source that the City wants to tear out and dispose of the first five or six inches of ground at Pioneer Park. It seems that your friendly neighborhood drug dealer would cut a plug in the grass to hide his stash. This kept the dealer from being arrested with the drugs on his or her person. When a customer came along, the dealer simply lifted the grass to display the goods. The problem is that the dealers apparently left hundreds of needles and other drug paraphernalia in the grass, and the City is concerned that some unsuspecting tourist will stab him or herself with a needle, contract AIDS, and then sue the City for millions of dollars. So the City

wants to take out all the old grass and a few inches of dirt to remove the buried needles. This could be a real opportunity for metal detecting, so keep your eyes on Pioneer Park.

Last month's **MYSTERY PHOTO** was the race track for the "Utah Driving Park Association." The track was located back from 21st South between 5th and 6th East. I'm not sure when it was torn down, but a map from the early 1900's (see next page) shows its exact location along with Liberty Park, Calder's Farm (the predecessor to Wandamere and Nibley Park), the Sugar House paper mill, the State Penitentiary, and the fort and mill along Parley's Creek.



MONTHLY TIPS

SEARCH COIL COVERS

Search coil covers protect a valuable part of your detector; however, they can also create their own set of problems. Water and dirt can work their way between the cover and coil that ultimately will diminish the effectiveness of your detector. What to do? Either remove and clean the cover on a regular basis or seal the seam between the cover and the coil with clear silicone caulking. If you ever decide to change the coil cover, just cut the seal with a knife. In addition, the coil cover is a great place to write your name, address, and social security number with a permanent marker. If your detector is ever stolen, this provides a means of identification.

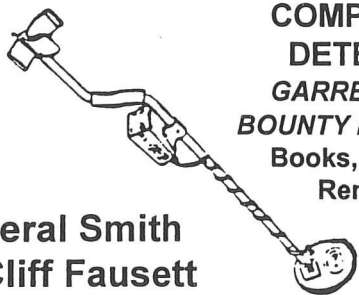
TEMPERATURE ACCLIMATION

With winter on the way, it is important to remember that your detector's electronics need to be thermally stabilized before they can work most accurately. Changes in temperature affect the operating parameters of electronic components. Taking a detector from an 80-degree car into 30-degree weather causes the electronics to change as they become acclimated to the air temperature. For example, your detector will read ground balance differently when it is hot than when it is cold. In such circumstances, be sure to readjust your detector often until the electronics reach air temperature. Batteries are also affected by temperature -- the colder it is, the less power they can deliver. Indeed, batteries that fail at 30 degrees, may go for many hours at 70 degrees. When the temperature is really cold, keep a spare set of batteries warm in your jacket pocket so they can be changed if the batteries in the detector suffer from frost bite.

RING PROGRAMS

I have sometimes seen recommended settings designed to find rings, and specifically gold rings. Do these programs work? People in the know realize that size, metal content, design, condition, halo, and ground conditions can cause rings to read almost anywhere on your meter. Therefore, the only way to maximize ring recoveries is to dig all signals. Unfortunately, this is not always possible or practical, which is probably why most rings are found along beaches where target recovery takes only a few seconds and the next wave usually eliminates any dig holes.

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